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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF REGISTRATION
OF BARBERS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30,

1936

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF BARBERS

Room 302, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

November 30, 1936.

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The Board of Registration of Barbers herewith submits its fifth annual report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(December 1, 1935 to November 30, 1936.)

Receipts

2 renewals for 1935, @ \$2.00			\$	4.00
9,831 renewals for 1936, @ 2.00		\$19,662.00		
Less 1 refund		2.00		19,660.00
68 renewals for 1937, @ 2.00				136.00
				<u>\$19,800.00</u>
269 apprentice fees @ \$5.00		1,345.00		
Less 1 refund		5.00		1,340.00
				<u>1,340.00</u>
302 examination fees @ \$10.00		\$ 3,020.00		
Less 2 refunds		20.00		3,000.00
				<u>3,000.00</u>
2 certified statements @ \$1.00				2.00
66 applications for re-examination, @ 5.00				330.00
55 fees for duplicate cards, @ 50c				27.50
157 applications for inspection of new shops @ 5.00				785.00
				<u>\$25,284.50</u>

Expenditures

Salaries, members of Board		\$ 8,000.00		
Salaries, investigators for the Board	\$ 9,423.55			
Less refund for overpayment	32.26	9,391.29		\$17,391.29
				<u>\$17,391.29</u>
Travelling expenses, board and investigators				3,783.75
Other expenses:				
Books, maps, etc.		3.43		
Equipment		118.83		
Postage		451.89		
Office and other supplies		157.53		
Printing		355.31		
Services		10.94		
Telephone and Telegraph		126.34		
Stationery		2.00		
Expenses of examination		115.00		
Expenses, 14 Beacon St., (rent, light, water, etc.)		1,548.99		2,890.26
				<u>\$24,065.30</u>

Examinations have been held in Boston in each month except January and August; in Worcester and Springfield in April and September; in New Bedford in March and in Fall River in September. The results are as follows:

Examination in:	Number Examined	Number Passed	Number Failed
Boston	222	179	43
Springfield	37	25	12
Worcester	33	21	12
Fall River	17	13	4
New Bedford	12	8	4
	<hr/> 321	<hr/> 246	<hr/> 75

During the year many complaints against registered barbers were received at this office, and after careful investigation by our Investigation Department, 325 were called before the Board for hearing. The result of these hearings is summarized below:

There have been 325 hearings held with action taken as follows:

Suspensions of registrations	121	Dismissed	4
Placed on probation	190	Defaulted	1
Filed	4	Postponed	5
		<hr/> Total	<hr/> 325

All registrations that were suspended after hearing were later restored when the shop in question had been brought up to the standard required by the Board.

The following is a brief resume of court cases for the fiscal year:

\$5 fine	9	Suspended sentence	2
\$10 fine	6	Filed	29
\$25 fine	1	Defaulted	1
Probation	3	Dismissed	1
		<hr/> Total	<hr/> 52

In all cases brought before our Massachusetts courts, sentences severe enough to impress the barbers with the seriousness of their offenses have been imposed. This fine cooperation, together with that given by the public and the majority of the barbers, has made possible the promotion of better conditions in barber shops and barber schools throughout the Commonwealth. These improved sanitary conditions, and the universal observation of our sterilization requirements for tools and utensils, have contributed much to the protection of the health of those patronizing barber shops. We believe the majority of the barbers desire to comply with the law and to assist the Board in every way possible to promote the public health. Those few barbers who are still guilty of violations, have thus far failed to see the advantage in increasing the confidence of the public in barber shops.

RECOMMENDATION FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION

The experience of the Board during the five years of its existence has shown the necessity of having some record of where shops are located and barbering is being carried on, and also the necessity of definitely knowing who is in charge or responsible for the shop and its sanitary condition. To make this information available the Board feels there should be a registration of all shops in Massachusetts, and an annual re-registration. This would make it possible, in cases where an unsanitary shop is found and there are several

barbers working in the shop, to fix the responsibility on the one who has registered the shop and to require him to appear before the Board. Under present conditions each barber denies that he owns or manages the shop, and the Board has no means of placing the blame. The Board suggests a fee of \$5 for the original registration, and \$3 for the yearly re-registration. As it is estimated that there are about 5000 shops in Massachusetts, this would also add substantially to the income of the Board and of the Commonwealth, and has been recommended by the State Auditor in his report for 1936.

Respectfully submitted,

TONY A. GAROFANO,
Chairman.

GEORGE S. POULIN,
Secretary.

JOSEPH FUCILLO,
Member of Board.